THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Out of a total available utilisable water of 1142 billion cubic metres in the country, the utilisation of water (surface and ground) for irrigation purposes (1994-95) is 501 billion cubic metres. Utilisable water has been assessed basin-wise and not State-wise.

(b) Irrigation Potential (capacity) created in Gujarat during the last five years and the amount spent thereon are as under :

Year	Irrigation Potential (Capacity) Created (In Thousand hectares)	Expenditure (Rupees in Crores)
1991-92	44.00	690.8
1992-93	50.15	454.1
1993-94	36.40	483.8
1994-95	49.93 (anticipated)	586.0 (anticipated)
1995-96	54.80 (anticipated)	585.9 (anticipated)

[English]

Border Trafficking in Children

2420. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1427 dated July 22, 1996 regarding border trafficking in children and state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to have some bilateral arrangements with Nepal and Bangladesh to curb across the border trafficking in children;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Nepal and India have an open border and the movement of people from one country to the other is not regulated by official agencies. In the case of Bangladesh, existing immigration laws regulate the movement of all persons, including children.

Though there are no bilateral agreements on the issue, Government are taking steps to curb the social evil of trafficking in children. Law enforcement agencies in the countries concerned are coordinating their efforts to handle the problem.

Obsolete Machine/Under Staff in Blood Bank

2421. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Obsolete machines and under staff plague blood bank" appearing in the Statesman dated September 6, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein, and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the inspection by the Drug Control Officials of Delhi Government on 9th September, 1996 the following deficiencies were noticed :

(i) There was shortage of technical staff in the Blood Bank.

(ii) The refrigerators were not functioning.

(iii) Out of three, two centrifuge machines were out of order.

(iv) Blood tests were not being done at the laboratory of the Blood Bank.

(c) The Blood Bank has been strengthened by posting more technical staff, nurses and attendants. There are two walk-in-coolers for blood storage and issue. Steps are being taken to repair the Blood Bank refrigerator. Other machines like water bath and centrifuge machine are available in the Department of Blood Bank adjoining Testing Laboratory. No blood is issued without performing mandatory laboratory tests.

Expansion of Viswa Bharati

2422. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the financial problem related to expansion plan of the activities of the facilities of 'Viswa Bharati', Shantiniketan;

(b) if so, the steps, the Government propose to take to support the cause of Viswa Bharati;

(c) whether any modern method has been found to preserve and protect the original Scripts, Songs, Instruments, Paintings of Tagore in Viswa Bharati; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b). Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, has sent a proposal for establishment of 'VISVASIA', a Centre for the study of Asian Civilisations. As, however, the proposal is silent about specific terms of reference and the requirement of funds for the project, the University has been advised to have a detailed project report prepared to enable the Government to proceed further into the matter.

(c) and (d). The Vice-Chancelllor, Visva-Bharati, has constituted a Committee to suggest, inter-alia, ways and means to preserve and protect Tagore's works.

West Flowing Rivers of Kerala

2423. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any programme to harness water of West flowing rivers of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the facilities being provided for storage of the water of those rivers?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The two projects proposed by Kerala State are Idamalayar Irrigation Project on river Periyar and Karapara-Kuriarkutty Multipurpose Project on river Chalakudy. The Idamalayar-Irrigation Project is a diversion scheme whereas Karapar Kuriarkutty Multipurpose project envisages storage of 108.3 Mcum at Karapara dam and 2.0 Mecum for Kuriarkutty dam.

The National Water Development Agency, (NWDA) under the Government of India has prepared a feasibility report of Pamba-Achankovil-Vaipper link which envisages dams on Pamba Karar, Achankovil Kal Ar and Achankovil for diversion of water to irrigate land in drought prone districts of Tirunelveli, Kattabomman, Chidambaranar and Kamaraj districts of Tamil Nadu and generation of peaking power of 500 MW and regulated releases during lean period in Vembanand lake.

The proposal consists of Punnamedu dam (live storage 118.5 Mcum) on Pamba Kal "Ar, Achankovil Kal Ar dam (live storage 184.9 Mcum) on Achankovil Kal Ar and Achankovil pumped storage (live storage 27.8 Mcum) on Achankovil river.

Illegal Construction in Cantonment Areas

2424. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of illegal constructions are being continued within the Cantonment area of Central Command;

(b) whether recent pronouncement of orders by the Supreme Court against land grabbing and demolition of illegal constructions, no action has been initiated by the Directorate of Defence Estate, Central Command so far;

(c) whether Government would take serious view in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (d). Though unauthorised constructions exist in Cantonment areas of Central Command, many of them particularly inside the civil area are in the form of platforms, steps, projections etc., which can be regularised under the existing policies. Action is taken against illegal/ unauthorised constructions under the provisions of the Cantonments Act & Public Premises Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants Act, 1971.

Instructions have been issued by the Directorate Defence Estates, Central Command in July, 1996 to all the Cantonment Executive Officers to enforce stern measures to curb unauthorised constructions and for demolition action. Government is not aware of any Supreme Court Order specifically referring to demolition of unauthorised constructions and land grabbing in Central command.

Promotion of Yoga

2425. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated special schemes for promotion/development of Yoga/physical education infrastructural facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and financial assistance provided to various organisations (private) in Maharashtra-institution-wise during the last five years and the provision available under these schemes during the current year;

(c) whether Government have set up a monitoring cell to ensure that funds released to private educational institutes are properly utilised, if so, the details thereof;

(d) action taken on inspection report on complaints of misutilisation of funds released/malpractices in Yoga Research/Educational Institutes; and

(e) action taken on reported irregularities in Yoga Research Institute at Pune?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Promotion of Yoga in Schools was started in 1989-90. Under this Scheme, financial assistance is provided to the States/UTs as well as Yoga Institutes of repute for training of teachers in Yoga and for building infrastructure for the purpose. This includes TA/DA to teacher trainees, upgradation of library facilities and construction/expansion of hostels for teacher trainees. Details regarding financial assistance provided under this Scheme to various Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Maharashtra during the last five years, institution-wise, is given in the Statement enclosed. Budgetary allocation for the Scheme for 1996-97 is